



American Citizen Services Unit  
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo  
Warden Message



**TO: Consular Wardens**

**FROM: ACS Unit**

**DATE: January 7, 2009**

**SUBJECT: Demonstrations at Israeli Embassy**

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Following is a Warden's Message being transmitted for your information. Please circulate this to your constituents.

This Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens to Israeli military operations in the Gaza Strip and Palestinian rocket strikes into Israel. The U.S. Embassy's Regional Security Office is reporting that demonstrations are scheduled for January 7th at 10:00 a.m., for and against Israeli military operations taking place in the Gaza Strip, in front of the Israeli Embassy in Santo Domingo. The demonstrations may spill over to the vicinity of the U.S. Embassy and Consular Section located on Ave. Maximo Gomez in the "La Esperilla" section of Santo Domingo.

Demonstrations take place in the Dominican Republic from time to time in response to world events or local developments. American citizens are reminded that demonstrations do not generally occur in areas frequented by tourists and are generally not targeted at foreigners. American citizens should be aware, however, that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. Street crowds should be avoided. In urban areas, travel should be conducted on main routes whenever possible.

The U.S. Embassy will update this warden message if new information becomes available. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section of the Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-

731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail [acssantodom@state.gov](mailto:acssantodom@state.gov); web page [www.usemb.gov.do](http://www.usemb.gov.do).